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62.	Prof. Sugata Bose	USA
63.	Prof. C.K. Prahalad	USA
64.	Mr. Inder Singh	USA
65.	Ms. Renu Khator	USA
66,.	Mr. Prakash M. Swamy	USA
67.	Mr. Ashook Ramsaran	USA
68.	Mr. Thomas Abraham	USA
69.	Dr. Sanku S. Rao	USA
70.	Dr. M. Anirudhan	USA
71.	Mr. Ashwin Patel	USA
72.	Justice A.M. Ebrahim	Zimbabwe

Racial attack in Melbourne

1593. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to an unfortunate incident of racist attack on Indian where a 22 year old Sikh was assaulted and his turban was also removed by a group of teenagers while he was sleeping in a bus stop near railway station in Epping in Melbourne, suburb that has seen a spate of racist attacks on Indians;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to put an end to such attacks and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The High Commissioner of India had specifically taken up the issue of this attack in Epping which took place on 12 September 2009 with the Premier of Victoria himself. The Premier had responded by reiterating that it was regrettable that incidents of violence were still occurring in Victoria and that he considered any act of racially motivated violence or racism as completely unacceptable.

As a result of a series of high-level discussions and demarches made by Indian Mission/Posts in Australia, the Australian Government has taken various steps. They have announced a series of measures, including stricter policing in Victoria and NSW, aimed at ensuring the safety and security of Indian students in Australia. These steps have been useful and the incidence of attacks have decreased.

Indian students in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore

1594. SHRI Y. P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state: